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SUBJ: MEETING WITH UNHCR

1. AMBASSADOR BROWN MET WITH UNHCR PRINCE SADDRUDIN
AGHA KHAN AND HIS AIDE, JACK KELLY, MORNING
AUGUST 23. PRINCE WILL REMAIN IN CYPRUS UNTIL HE CAN
ARRANGE DENKTASH/CLERIDES MEETING IN UN OFFICE ON
HUMANITARIANISM ISSUES. SEES NO POSSIBILITY OF SUCH
MEETING BEFORE AUGUST 26, BUT HOPES THAT UN-SUGGESTED
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MEETING ON HUMANITARIAN SUBJECTS WILL GIVE BOTH LEADERS

OPTION OF ACCEPTING INVITATION TO MEETING THEY DID NOT REQUEST. PRINCE ALSO CONSIDERS JOINT CLERIDES-DENKTASH VISITS TO REFUGEE AREAS-2074(S ON GREEK SIDE UCD GREEKS ON TURK SIDE--ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP IN REASSURING REFUGEES AND LAUNCHSFG DIALOGUE WITHIN CYPRUS BETWEEN CYPRIOT LEADERS. CLERIDES ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE; DENKTASH SAYS HE WILL RESPOND SOON AFTER CHECKING WITH ANKARA. PRINCE NOTED THAT UNFICYP COMMANDER HAS GUARANTEED DENKTASH SECURITY SHOULD HE VISIT GREEK SIDE; DENKTASH DOUBTS UNFICYP BILITY TO PROTECT HIM. PRINCE ALSO DOUBTS TURK ARMY COMMANDER WOULD AGREE TO CLERIDES VISIT TO TURK SIDE. PRINCE WILLING TO VISIT ANKARA IN SUPPORT OF ABOVE SCENARIO AND SAYS GOT WELCOMES HIS APPOINTMENT, BUT AS RELIEF COORDINATOR, NOT REFUGEE PROTECTOR.

2. PRINCE SEES HIS MISSION IN CYPRUS AS A ASSESSMENT OF OVER-ALL NEEDS; B) ESTABLISHMENT OF PRECISE NEEDS IN PRIORITY ORDER; C) RAISING RESOURCES WITHIN UN MEMBERSHIP. HE HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH A) AND B) OVER WEEK END SO THAT HE CAN REPORT TO SYG AND LAUNCH APPEAL NEXT WEEK. TO DATE, PRINCE HAS NO IDEA OF COST OR DURATION OF CYPRUS RELIEF PROGRAM. HE IS VISITING AS MANY REFUGEE CENTERS AS POSSIBLE VIA UN CHOPPER.

3. GOC OFFICIALS, ACCORDING PRINCE, DOING THEIR BEST BUT ARE HAMPERED BY LACK OF INFORMATION AND ORGANIZATION WHICH LIMITS ABILITY TO ABSORB RELIEF AID. PRINCE HOPES TO ESTABLISH NICOSIA OFFICE WHICH WILL ACT AS INFORMAL COORDINATION POINT AND CATALYST, ORGANIZING MEETINGS ATTENDED BY EMBASSY REPS, ICRC, CYPRUS RED CRESCENT, AND

CONCERNED GOC OFFICIALS. THIS SHOULD RESULT IN OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY ON GREEK SIDE BUT OPERATIONS ON TURK SIDE WILL BE DIFFICULT. PRINCE ADVISES DENKTASH WON'T ACCEPT RELIEF CHANNELED THROUGH "GREEK ADMINISTRATION" (GOC), BUT INSISTS THAT UN GIVE IT DIRECTLY TO TURKISH-CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION. WITH TURK-CONTROLLED AREA UNDER TURK ARMY ADMINISTRATION, UNFICYP DOES NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. AS RESULT, UN HAS NO OPERATIONAL CAPACITY IN TURK-CONTROLLED SECTOR AND WILL HAVE TO RELY ON TURK ARMY AND DENKTASH FOR RELIEF DISTRIBUTION AND ACCOUNTING. THIS NOT FOUNDATION FOR VIABLE RELIEF PROGRAM.

4. PRINCE HAS \$600,000 EMERGENCY CYPRUS BUDGET. TURK CYPRIOT DISTRICT OFFICER IN KYRENIA TOLD PRINCE HE NEEDS

MONEY TO HIRE LABOR FORCE TO IRRIGATE CITRUS GROVES AND CARE FOR LIVESTOCK HIS DISTRICT. TURKS ALSO NEED FOOD AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR REPAIR ELECTRIC AND WATER LINES. TURK CYPRIOT LIAISON OFFICER HAS BEEN APPOINTED AND PRINCE CONSIDERING USE OF EMERGENCY BUDGET FOR ABOVE PURPOSES.

5. AMBASSADOR, PRINCE, AND CLERIDES AGREE THAT PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS MUST NOT RPT NOT BE DUPLICATED IN CYPRUS, FOR BOTH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL REASONS. YET PRINCE PESSIMISTIC RE POSSIBILITY OF GREEK REFUGEES RETURNING TO TURK-CONTROLLED AREA. THOUGH SOME MIGHT RETURN, HE BELIEVES THEY WILL BE SQUEEZED OUT BY THE HARSHNESS OF LIFE IN AREA UNDER ALIEN MILITARY OCCUPATION. HE SAYS GOC IS CONSIDERING REQUISITIONING ABANDONED HOUSES FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND NOTES THAT SIMPLE RUMOR OF REQUISITIONING BROUGHT SOME REFUGEES BACK HOME. YET OFFICIALS TELL US THAT ADMINISTRATION OF REQUISITION PROGRAM COMPLEX AND THEY DOUBT IT WILL BE VIABLE.

6. MEANWHILE MANY REFUGEES ARE NOT SHELTERED. GOC RELIEF COORDINATOR, MRS. SOULIOTIU, WHO PREPARING LIST OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PRINCE, TELLS US INFORMALLY THAT SHE REQUESTING 13,000 FAMILY TENTS IN ADDITION TO 3000 WE PROVIDING, AS WELL AS BLANKETS FOR 100,000 REFUGEES, BUT NO COTS. RAINS ARE STARTING EARLY THIS YEAR (INDIA

HAD SHOWERS AUGUST 22 AND 23) AND PEOPLE FORESEE EARLIER

THAN NORMAL COOL WEATHER. BETWEEN USG AND BRITS, HOPEFUL REDUCED TENT REQUIREMENT COULD BE SATISFIED, BUT HIS DEPENDS ON SIZEABLE BRITISH INPUT. WE WILL BE GUIDED BY UNHRC COORDINATION AND HOPE TO CHANNEL SOME US RELIEF

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INTO WHATEVER UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION PRINCE ABLE ESTABLISH. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE MAXIMUM GOC CAMPAIGN FOR RETURN/RESETTLEMENT IN EXISTING VILLAGES TO REDUCE TENT CAMPS TO MINIMUM. EMBOFFS VISITING MAIN GREEK REFUGEE CENTERS TOMORROW. WILL REPORT THIS AS WELL AS FULL SHOPPING LIST BEING PREPARED FOR PRINCE SOONEST. BROWN

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